

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 11, 13, and 18, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein, and please amend Claims 1, 3, 6, 12, and 14-17. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A communication apparatus adapted to execute a plurality of kinds of facsimile protocols of which image transmission speeds are different from each other, said apparatus comprising:

a call signal detector circuit adapted to detect a call signal from a communication line;

[[a]] an ID detector circuit adapted to detect ID information for identifying a calling station from the communication line before a start of communication with the calling station, on an occasion of reception of a call when said call signal detector circuit has detected the call signal from the communication line;

a communication circuit adapted to communicate with the calling station using any one of the plurality of kinds of facsimile protocols;

a memory adapted to store (1) ID information detected by said detector circuit and (2) a facsimile protocol used for communication with the for identifying a calling station conducted through said communication circuit and facsimile protocol information for indicating a facsimile protocol used for communication with that calling station, in correspondence with each other; and

~~a control circuit adapted to, when ID information detected by said detector circuit upon an occasion of reception of a call is already stored in said memory, cause communication to be conducted using a facsimile protocol stored in said memory in correspondence~~ cause communication to determine a facsimile protocol to be used, when said ID detector circuit cannot detect the ID information, and adapted to cause communication based on the facsimile protocol corresponding to the ID information detected by said ID detector circuit, with the detected ID information.

Claim 2 (previously presented): A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a registration circuit adapted to register the ID information of the calling station and the facsimile protocol in said memory in accordance with an instruction from a user.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A communication apparatus according to Claim [[2]] 1, wherein the ID information for identifying the calling station is telephone number information, and,

wherein when calling has been conducted using the telephone number information designated upon an occasion of issuing a call is registered by said registration circuit, a stored in the memory, said control circuit is so adapted as to update the facsimile protocol executed corresponding to the telephone number information is registered stored in the memory in correspondence with the telephone number used in the calling to store the facsimile protocol that has been executed.

Claim 4 (previously presented): A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the facsimile protocol changes with a type of modem used by said communication apparatus.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the facsimile protocol includes a facsimile protocol using V.21 and V.29 standards and a facsimile protocol using V.8 and V.34 standards.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A communication method of a communication apparatus adapted to execute a plurality of kinds of facsimile protocols ~~of which image transmission speeds are different from and having a memory that stores ID information for identifying a calling station and facsimile protocol information for indicating a facsimile protocol used for communication with the calling station, in correspondence with each other,~~ said method comprising:

a call signal detection step, of detecting a call signal from a communication line;

[[a]] an ID detection step, of detecting ID information for identifying a calling station ~~from the communication line~~ before a start of communication with the calling station, upon an occasion of reception of a call ~~when the call signal has been detected in said call signal detection step; and~~

a communication step, of communicating with the calling station ~~by a first facsimile protocol to determine a facsimile protocol used for image communication when the ID information cannot be detected in said ID detection step, and of communicating with the~~

calling station by a facsimile protocol corresponding to the ID information detected in said ID detection step when the ID information can be detected in said ID detection step using any one of the plurality of kinds of facsimile protocols;

a storage step, of storing in a memory (1) ID information detected in said detection step and (2) a facsimile protocol used for communication with the calling station conducted in said communication step, in correspondence with each other, and

a control step of, when ID information detected in said detection step upon an occasion of reception of a call is already stored in the memory, causing communication to be conducted using a facsimile protocol stored in correspondence with the detected ID information.

Claims 7-11 (canceled).

Claim 12 (currently amended): A communication apparatus according to Claim [[11]] 1, wherein said receiver circuit receives ID detector circuit detects the ID information between receiving successive calling signals.

Claim 13 (canceled).

Claim 14 (currently amended): A communication apparatus according to Claim [[13]] 1, further comprising an updating circuit adapted to update the communication facsimile protocols stored in said memory.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A communication apparatus according to Claim 14, further comprising a counter circuit adapted to count a predetermined time, wherein said updating circuit updates the communication facsimile protocols stored in said memory when said counter circuit has counted the predetermined time.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A communication apparatus according to Claim 14, further comprising a count circuit adapted to count a number of communications performed to each of the calling stations corresponding to the respective registered ID information stored in said memory, wherein said updating circuit updates the respective communication facsimile protocol for each calling station when said count stored in said memory when said counter circuit has counted a predetermined number of communications for the calling station.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A communication apparatus according to Claim [[11]] 1, wherein the ID information received by said receiver circuit is a telephone number of the calling station information.

Claim 18 (canceled).